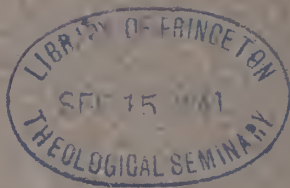


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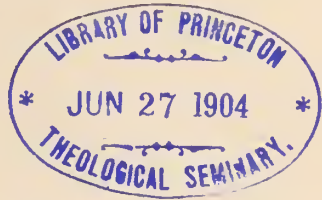
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REPORT.

In October, 1902, at the request of the London Committee of the Egypt Exploration Fund and by their authority, the undersigned organized themselves as a Committee to take charge of the interests of the Fund in the United States of America, so far as these interests were in the control of the Boston Office. The Committee appointed Professor Goodwin its Chairman and Mr. Lodge its Secretary. The Boston Office has previously been in charge of an Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer and a paid Secretary ; but for more than four months before the organization of the present Committee the office has been represented only by the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Francis C. Foster, who kindly consented, at our earnest request and that of the London Committee, though at great personal inconvenience, to remain our Treasurer for a short time. At his request he was not made a member of the Committee. This temporary service, for which we are under the greatest obligation to Mr. Foster, ended on March 30, when Mr. Lane was chosen Treasurer.

The first public official notice of the reorganization of the Boston Office was given by the President of the Fund, Sir John Evans, in his annual address in London, November 7, 1902, when he spoke of "the earnest and anxious consideration which the London Committee had given for several months to the organization of the Fund in Boston," resulting in the constitution of "a local committee under whose charge we may hope that the affairs of the Fund in Boston will prosper, and that the office in that city will be regarded, as heretofore, as the headquarters of the

Fund in the United States." Still later, but after the organization of our committee was completed, the London Committee expressed to us their wish that we should take the title of "The Committee for the United States of America," and that our Treasurer and Secretary should be the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary for the United States. This action imposes on us new responsibilities which we did not contemplate when we assumed office a year ago; and it becomes one of our most urgent duties to take steps, to give our Committee a more national character, that it may include a representation of the friends and supporters of the Fund in other parts of the country. We have already given much attention to this important object, which we hope will soon produce substantial results.

Our present Committee, organized as a "local committee," is confined to New England, chiefly to the neighborhood of Boston. Two of our number, Messrs. Davis and Lythgoe, were absent during the greater part of the past year; but they were actively engaged in work of exploration in Egypt, which they are to continue during the winter and spring. They had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the important work which Professor Petrie was directing in the interest of the Fund, of which we already have valuable results in various museums in this country.

When we organized our Committee a year ago there were three affiliated branches to which the Fund in past years had been deeply indebted for liberal contributions and friendly coöperation. One of these, the Connecticut Branch of the Fund, under the presidency of Rev. Charles Ray Palmer, D.D., of New Haven, still remains in active operation, in the most cordial relation with our Committee.

We value greatly the advantage of so energetic and influential a society working for the Fund at an important literary centre. The Chicago Society of Egyptian Research, in which our vice-president, Mr. Hutchinson, and Professor J. H. Breasted have been actively conspicuous, has given up its independent organization; and the American Exploration Society of Pennsylvania, of which Mr. Calvin Wells, of Pittsburg, and Mrs. Cornelius Stevenson, of Philadelphia, are energetic members, has withdrawn from Egyptian work. From both of these associations we have the most cordial assurances of interest in the future work of the Fund under our Committee.

We have also addressed the local Honorary Secretaries in various places, asking their continued support and cooperation in our work, and expressing our wish that they should remain in office. We have received assurances of interest and of willingness to help us from the greater part of these. Our warmest thanks are due to our friends in all parts of the country who have encouraged us during the first year of our work for the Fund by their liberal subscriptions and by their general interest in our success.

We have appointed our countryman, Professor Louis Dyer, formerly of Harvard University, now resident in Oxford, the official representative of the United States on the London Committee, of which he is a member. One of the most important duties of our London representative is connected with the annual distribution of the antiquities obtained from various excavations conducted by the Fund in Egypt. At Professor Dyer's request, Professor Thomas Day Seymour, of Yale University, was appointed to assist him in this work last July. As the contributions for the United States during the previous two years had been nearly equal to those received from all

the British possessions, a full half of this year's collection was given to this country. These objects were awarded to the Museums of Boston, New York, Chicago, New Haven, Philadelphia, and Pittsburg, in proportion to their contributions to the Fund. The division was made with great care, after long deliberation, chiefly by Professor Petrie, with the advice of Professors Dyer and Seymour, who both express their high appreciation of the generous spirit shown by the English members of the Committee, who strove to be absolutely fair, and to give the American Museums their full share of the antiquities.

BOSTON, December, 1903.

P. S. — We are able to add to our Report the following account of the work which is to be carried on by the Fund in Egypt during the present season, which we have just received from the London Committee: —

Professor Flinders Petrie, having failed in an attempt to secure a more favorable site for this winter's work, is now exploring Ahnas-el-Medineh, the ancient Heracleopolis Magna, where in 1903 M. Edouard Naville carried on extensive excavations. This city, which was the capital of the Nome Heracleotes in Middle Egypt, was of great

antiquity ; and, according to Manetho, it furnished two dynasties of kings, the ninth and the tenth, to Egypt. In the neighborhood are other important sites, and we may hope that this season's work will not only greatly increase our historical knowledge, but will also furnish us with a goodly supply of objects of interest to enrich our Museums. The excavations are already in progress, and we hear from London that these are attended with success.

At Deir-el-Bahari M. Edouard Naville is excavating for the Fund, and is clearing the necropolis at the side of the temple of Queen Hatshepsu. He has found there traces of a still older temple, which appears to have been destroyed when the later temple was built, and its ground was used for the necropolis. We shall await with interest the further revelations which M. Naville's work may make.

The work to be carried on in Egypt by another important department of the Fund, the Graeco-Roman Branch, holds out equal promise for the coming year. This branch was established in 1897, consequent on the finding by Drs. B. P. Grenfell and A. S. Hunt of a large collection of Greek papyri at Oxyrhynchus, for the discovery and publication of remains of classical antiquity and early Christianity in Egypt. Its first work was to publish the Oxyrhynchus papyri, of which two volumes, containing many important classical and theological texts, were issued in 1898 and 1899, and the third is just published. In the winter of 1898-99 Drs. Grenfell and Hunt conducted excavations for the Graeco-Roman Branch in the Fayûm, the results of which were published in "Fayûm Towns and their Papyri"; while in 1899-1900 they excavated at Tebtunis, in the Fayûm, on behalf of the University of California. Since 1900 Drs. Grenfell and

Hunt have excavated each winter on behalf of the Graeco-Roman Branch, — in 1900-01 in the Fayûm, in 1901-02 both there and at Hibeh, and in 1902-03 returning once more to Oxyrhynchus with the special object of making further discoveries of theological texts. The success of their second excavation at Oxyrhynchus has been not less striking than that of their first, for not only were documents of the first four centuries after the Christian era very numerous, but the site was found to be strewn with the *débris* of libraries of classical and theological writings.

It is now evident from the success which attended the clearance of a part of the ground last spring that, although Oxyrhynchus has already proved by far the best site in Egypt for classical and theological papyri, it still affords very great chances for discoveries of equal or even greater importance. The recent discovery in Egypt of the poems of Bacchylides and of Aristotle's "Constitution of Athens" shows that nothing is too important to be expected. Drs. Grenfell and Hunt estimate that at least the work of two seasons, each costing about \$3,000, will be required to exhaust the more promising portions of this site; and it is more than doubtful whether any new field will prove so fruitful in discoveries.

It would be extremely regrettable if a work which has already yielded such fruitful results and carries such possibilities for the future should be interrupted through lack of funds, and the committees of the Egypt Exploration Fund, both in London and in America, have therefore resolved to make a special appeal for increased support of the Graeco-Roman Branch. It will be remembered that the papyri found in each year are distributed to various places in proportion to their contributions to this Branch of the Fund.

The annual subscription to each branch of the Fund, entitling the subscriber to the Memoir of the year, is \$5.00; that of a Patron of the Fund is \$25.00; a single payment of \$125.00 makes the subscriber a Life Member. Checks should be made payable to the Egypt Exploration Fund, and enclosed to the Secretary, John Ellerton Lodge, Esq., 8 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

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ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE BOSTON OFFICE OF THE EGYPT EXPLORATION FUND.

From March 15, 1902, to July 31, 1903.

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Balance in hand Egypt Exploration Fund Archaeological Survey Graeco-Roman Branch Interest	\$1,020.68 5,951.05 1,205.70 1,205.45 57.02	Office Rent, ten months Secretary's Salary, March 20 to July 31, 1902 Clerk Hire Printing and Stationery Postage, etc. Miscellaneous Remittances to London Balance in hand	\$230.67 444.42 270.50 198.65 110.29 93.44 7,500.00 591.93
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